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Parking Lot Solar Canopy with Electric Vehicle Charger FAQ

Thank you for your interest in the PV/EV Grant Program. Below please find answers to the most frequently asked questions. This list will be updated continually during the application period.

Is a PPA eligible for the program?

Yes, but the grant money has to go to the property owner, not the company selling the electricity.

Can the same company submit multiple applications for various locations?

An applicant may submit multiple applications, provided that these applications are for non-contiguous properties. Installations on contiguous properties will be considered one project.

If so, is there a limit to the number of applications that may be submitted?

To ensure equitable distribution of grant funds, MEA reserves the right to limit the number of grants awarded to a single applicant.

Since panels on the roof of a building are not eligible under this program, can an applicant apply for the Commercial Clean Energy Grant for the roof mounted panels?

No, they are considered part of the same project. We will not disburse more than one grant per project.

How is capacity of the solar PV system measured?

System capacity is measured by DC installed capacity.

What is the status of the program's funding levels?

As of April 17, 2014, the entire \$2M program budget is still available.

Will there be a waitlist?

Since it is possible that some eligible applicants may ultimately not enter into a grant agreement with MEA, MEA will continue to queue eligible applications for this program until May 15, 2014.

Can funds be used for another project if the approved canopy project is not successfully installed?

No.



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How is the grant amount calculated, if the total system cost changes, but the capacity does not change?

The grant is always awarded according to the capacity of the solar PV array mounted on the parking lot solar canopy. Please see the formula in the Notice of Availability.

Does the entire solar PV array have to be canopy mounted or can some be located on a nearby structure, such as the roof of a building?

There must be at least 125kW of solar PV mounted on a canopy structure over a parking lot. Solar PV capacity sited on other structures or on the ground nearby does not count toward the minimum capacity requirement, nor is that additional capacity used to calculate the grant request amount.

Are there any specific requirements regarding the configuration of the solar PV and EV charger?

The EV charging station must be a behind-the-meter load, capable of being charged by the PV panels.

What information should be included in a letter of intent?

A letter of intent should include the cost and location of the project, a list of the parties involved, and a project description and timeline.

What documents or information constitutes evidence of project viability?

Project viability can be demonstrated through teaming agreements between contractors and subcontractors that illustrate each organization's qualifications and commitment to proceeding forward with the proposed project.

Can I submit my application electronically?

No.